



2024 Egmont Key Race

Suncoast Boat of the Year and Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

November 23rd, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Egmont Key Race dates back to 1935 and is the oldest running sailboat race on the west coast of Florida. It was created as a warm-up race for the Havana Race. The 63.4 nm course takes racers around Egmont and back to DIYC. We also offer a 35.2 nm course that stays inside the Skyway for cruising and smaller spinnaker boats. The winner of the 63.2 nm course is awarded the perpetual Houston Wall Trophy.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix T (Arbitration), and the DIYC 2024-2025 Boat of the Year Notice of Series.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a temporary rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer.
- 2.2 Expected Divisions are Spinnaker A/B/C, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, Multihull, and Melges-24. Spinnaker-C and Cruising sail the Short Course, as will boats that do not meet Category 2 requirements (such as Melges-24s).
- 2.3 Under West Florida PHRF rules, this is a Category 2 event for the 63.2 nm Long Course and Category 3 for the 35.2 nm Short Course.
- 2.4 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Division. All Cruising boats intending to use a cruising spinnaker must declare so by email to SailingSecretary@diyc.org at least two days prior to the event.
- 2.5 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28877> or by following the link from the DIYC home page.
- 2.6 Registration closes at 1600 on November 22. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

3 FEES

- 3.1 All boats: \$75.25 (\$70.00 plus 7.5% tax)
- 3.2 After November 17, add \$20 (plus tax) late fee.

4 SCHEDULE

Friday 1800	Cheeseburger In Paradise Party
Saturday	Check-in with Race Committee on water prior to warning signal
1000	Warning signal – 63.2 Long Course
1200	Warning signal – 35.2 Short Course

Chili Buffet and Keg will be provided after the finish
1100 Sunday Awards ceremony

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Regatta Network event website.

6 VENUE AND COURSE

- 6.1 The racing area will be Hillsborough Bay, Tampa Bay, and the Gulf of Mexico west of Egmont Key.
- 6.2 Distance course - 1 race is scheduled for all Divisions. 63.2 nm Long Course rounds Egmont Key and a 35.2 nm Short Course that turns around before the Skyway Bridge.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.

8 SCORING

All Divisions will be scored TOD using West Florida PHRF RLC ratings.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded in each Division for first place, if 1-3 boats; top two, if 4-5 boats; top three, if 6 or more boats.
- 9.2 The Houston Wall Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the monohull that sails the 63.2 nm Course in the shortest corrected time.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury, disease, or illness to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

DOCKAGE

For dockage at DIYC before or after the event, please contact DIYC Dockmaster Chris Toro at <mailto:dockmaster@diyc.org> or 727-222-7561 for slip reservations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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